V. Parks, Recreation & Open Space

A. Introduction

The Chula Vista General Plan included the following policy relative to parks that guided the park program for the EUC:

> *Policy LUT 94.7 As a part of a framework strategy for the University Study Area, identify development regulations and design standards within City ordinances, policies, and other regulatory measures that may hinder achieving the intended urban vision for the EUC. Revise regulations and standards for both public and private facilities where deemed necessary to create the urban character intended for the EUC.*

The Otay Ranch GDP establishes the following goal for parks and recreation facilities:

> *GOAL: PROVIDE DIVERSE PARK AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OTAY RANCH WHICH MEET THE RECREATIONAL, CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, CULTURAL AND AESTHETIC NEEDS OF PROJECT RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES AND PHYSICAL ABILITIES.*

The Otay Ranch GDP also establishes the following policies for parks and recreation facilities:

> *Policy: Provide 15 acres of regional park and open space per 1,000 Otay Ranch residents.*
>
> *Policy: Provide a minimum of three acres of neighborhood and community park land (as governed by the Quimby Act) and 12 acres per 1,000 Otay Ranch residents of other active or passive recreation and open space areas.*

In order to achieve the goal and thresholds, the Otay Ranch GDP establishes a four-tiered system of parks to be provided throughout the community. The four tiers are: 1) park amenities in town square parks; 2) active play facilities in neighborhood parks; 3) community-level playing fields in community parks; and, 4) region-wide active and passive recreational areas in designated regional parks. Open space, community and regional parks are designated at the GDP level and only the pedestrian open space/trail corridor connecting from Wolf Canyon in Village Seven through the EUC to Salt Creek via Village Eleven is identified in the Eastern Urban Center SPA at this level.

The GDP Park and Open Space Policies for the EUC state that parks will be established at the SPA Plan level. The amount of parkland required by the local park code is prescribed in Chapter 17.10 CVMC.

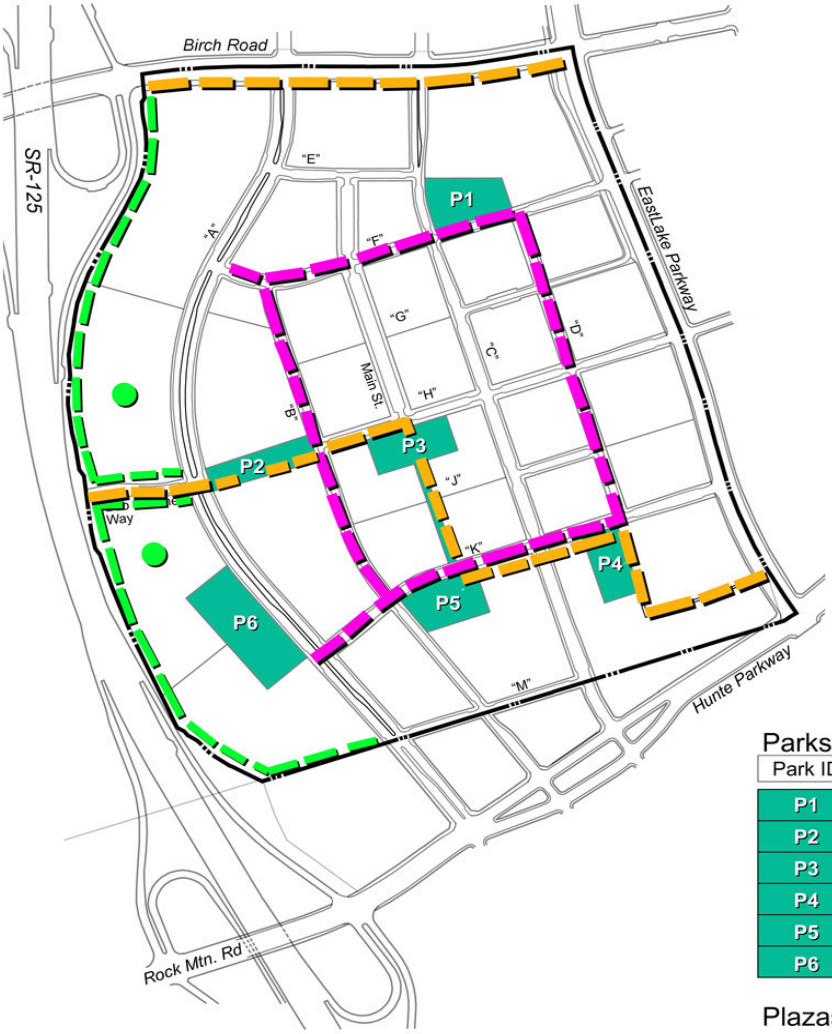
> *The EUC will provide sufficient area for local parks/town squares and plazas, or together park facilities to meet its needs onsite as required by an EUC Parks Master Plan prepared as a part of the SPA Plan. The SPA-level Parks Master Plan shall consider the needs and standards identified in the framework strategy prepared for the "University Study Area" which may include variations from conventional parkland standards.*

The following policies shall guide the design of parks and open spaces in the Eastern Urban Center and shall be further refined by SPA-level Parks Master Plan:

Provide a network of pedestrian spaces, plazas, malls, promenades, and squares to create a pedestrian oriented environment. The amount of credit toward satisfying park area requirements for these amenities shall be determined in the EUC Parks Master Plan.

As required by the GDP, the parks program for the EUC is detailed in the companion parks master plan, entitled "Urban Parks, Recreation, Open Space, & Trails Plan." Exhibit V-1 (Parks Plan), herein, provides a summary of the parks and trail linkages being provided in the EUC.

Parks



Parks

Park ID	Name
P1	Northeast "Interaction"
P2	Civic "Kenetic"
P3	Town Square "Performance"
P4	Southeast "Cycles"
P5	South Central "Light"
P6	Southwest "Motion"

Plazas & Connections

- Plazas
- Jogging Trail
- Circuit Walk
- Regional Trail & Village Greenway

Note: *Refer to Parks Master Plan and Pedestrian Corridor Exhibits for additional details*

Eastern Urban Center
OTAY RANCH
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Figure 1

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Exhibit V-1